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Education remains high priority in Senate budget

LANSING – Under the K-12 budget passed by the Senate today, schools will see a \$175 per-pupil increase next year and important at-risk and adult education programs will continue to be funded, announced Sen. Ron Jelinek.

“Increasing the K-12 budget demonstrates that education remains a high priority, even in the face of reducing other state budgets,” said Jelinek, R-Three Oaks. “We should emphasize that this school aid budget is \$287 million greater than the current one, allowing us to provide more educational opportunities for students.”

Funding will continue for at-risk programs, adult education, vocational training and ISDs. It was initially proposed to reduce funding for these items. Jelinek said school districts considered it most important to continue to fully fund these programs.

“Protecting these important categorical programs will allow our students to receive the best education possible to prepare them for the future,” Jelinek said.

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